

What is claimed is:

1. A budget information and creation system comprising:

a processor having means for connecting with a network;

a budgetary information database accessible by the processor via the
5 network, the database comprising numerical data and textual identifiers imported from a
plurality of remote sites, each site housing data for an aspect of a budget for a plurality of
subdivisions of a unitary organization, the numerical data extracted from the remote sites
into a spreadsheet application, the textual identifiers extracted from the remote sites into
a word processing application, the database configured into a coherent hierarchical format
10 having accessible links to budget data for the plurality of subdivisions;

a budgetary information software system resident on the processor
comprising:

a code segment for interfacing with a user remote from the database
over a network;

15 a code segment for permitting the user to create a budget for one of
the subdivisions using at least some of the numerical data and textual identifiers;

a code segment for transmitting the created budget to a
predetermined remote site via the network; and

a code segment for presenting to the user a link for automatically
20 notifying a contact agent within the organization that the created budget has been
transmitted to the predetermined remote site, the contact agent appropriate to the
subdivision.